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SUBJECT; PROPOSED CANADIAN OIL ACTIONS

ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMSTRONG CALLED CANADIAN MINISTER MCKINNEY TO STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY TO OBSERVE THAT THE U. S. GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN WATCHING WITH INTEREST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON ENERGY POLICY IN CANADA, AND HAD PARTICULARLY NOTED PROPOSALS OF THE CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER FOR A TWO TIER PRICE SYSTEM AND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MONTREAL PIPELINE. ARMSTRONG
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ALSO OBSERVED THAT WE HAD NOTED WITH INTEREST MINISTER

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MACDONALD'S COMMENT ABOUT A POSSIBLE DEAL WITH VENEZUELA BECAUSE CONSUMER COOPERATION HAD NOT SUCCEEDED. HE REMARKED FURTHER THAT WE THOUGHT CONSUMER COOPERATION HAD NOT YET BEEN FULLY TESTED AND OBSERVED THAT THE HIGH LEVEL OIL GROUP WAS MEETING IN PARIS THIS WEEK.

MCKINNEY AND CHAPPELL (CANADIAN EMBASSY ENERGY COUNSELOR) SAID THAT THEY HAD HAD NO ADVANCE NOTICE OF GOVERNMENT STATEMENT, WHICH WAS MADE IN THE CONTEXT OF ANTI-INFLATION MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED BY GOVERNMENT OF CANADA IN RESPONSE TO EXTREME POPULAR PRESSURE.

ARMSTRONG REVIEWED LONG HISTORY OF CANADA - U. S.

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CONSULTATIONS IN ENERGY MATTERS, RUNNING BACK TO THE 1950'S, NOTING THE SPECIAL ADVANTAGES GIVEN CANADA IN THE U. S. MARKET OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. HE FURTHER SAID THAT U. S. HAD EVERY REASON TO EXPECT CANADIANS BE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN CONSULTATIONS WITH U. S. REGARDING MATTER SO VITALLY AFFECTING U. S. INTERESTS. CANADIANS PROMISED REPORT OBSERVATIONS TO OTTAWA AND WONDERED WHETHER ANY FORMAL STATEMENT WOULD BE MADE BY U. S. ARMSTRONG DID NOT SAY THAT FORMAL REPRESENTATIONS WOULD BE MADE NOR THAT PUBLIC STATEMENT WOULD NECESSARILY BE MADE BUT SAID THAT IF ASKED WE WOULD SAY WE HAD EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN TO CANADIAN EMBASSY. RUSH

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